



500.40886X00

AF/2615
JFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: HORI et al

Serial No.: 09/988,994

Filed: November 21, 2001

For: Image Processing Apparatus And Method

Group: 2615

Examiner: B. Genco

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Mail Stop: DD
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 3, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and copies of the documents listed in the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted after the mailing date of either a final action or a notice of allowance and is accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p) and the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

Applicants note that the documents were first cited in a search report

accompanying publication of EP 1207685A3 on November 3, 2004, as shown in the attached partial copy and subsequently cited in a communication dated January 14, 2005 as shown in the attached copy.

Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

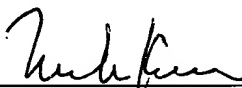
It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement be considered by the Examiner.

A credit card payment form to cover the fee of \$180.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.40886X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP



Melvin Kraus
Registration No. 22,466

MK/jla
(703) 312-6600
Attachments

Form PTO-1449 Equivalent	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTY. DKT. NO. 500.40886X00	SERIAL NO. 09/988,994
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT HORI et al	
		FILING DATE November 21, 2001	GROUP

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Ex. Initial	Doc. No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date
AA						
AB						
AC						
AD						
AE						
AF						
AG						
AH						

U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

	Publication Number	Name	Publication Date
AI			
AJ			
AK			
AL			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Doc. No.	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation/Abstract?	
						Yes	No
AM	0758831	2/97	Europe				
AN							
AO							
AP							
AQ							

OTHER DOCUMENTS

AR		
AS		
AT		
Examiner 		Date Considered

